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SQUADRON FOR CUBA

Report That Spain Is Getting Ready at Cadiz.

BUYS TWO SPEEDY CRUISERS ALSO.

It Is Asserted That Options on Eight Warships Have Been Offered the United States by Foreign Shipbuilders.

LONDON, March 5.—A letter just received here from Madrid says it is definitely reported there that a fresh Spanish squadron, destined for Cuba, is being organized at Cadiz. It consists of four ironclads, the Carlos V., Pelayo, Alfonso XIII and another, several gunboats and a transatlantic steamer. Active work is also proceeding upon the torpedo boat destroyers Prosperina, Audaz and Osada and upon the torpedo boats Havana, Retamoso and Barcelo, which form the second torpedo boat flotilla which Spain is sending to Cuba. Spain has purchased two cruisers which the Armstrongs have been building for Brazil, the Amazonas and a sister ship, unnamed, of 4,000 tons each, 23 knots and 10 guns. Spain is also negotiating for and will probably secure two cruisers of a similar type which have been building in France for Brazil. The Amazonas is ready for launching, and her sister ship will be ready shortly.

The Spanish government is also endeavoring to secure guns and large supplies of ammunition in England and on the continent for immediate use. The government seems to have funds, for it is understood to be paying a large part of the purchase money in cash, giving good security for the balance, these being the only terms upon which the Armstrongs would deal with it.

Some weeks ago Spain attempted to purchase ships and supplies in England on credit from prominent firms having close relations with the government, but after inquiries the firms refused to give credit. Since then Spain has raised funds from unknown sources. Diplomats in London express the belief that French financiers are helping the Spanish government.

The Armstrongs have been building three cruisers for Brazil—the Amazonas (not Amazonius), the Barrozo and a new cruiser not named. They are sister ships, built of steel, sheathed, and are of 3,600 tons displacement and 7,500 indicated horsepower. These vessels are 330 feet long, have 42 feet 9 inches beam, draw 16 feet 10 inches and have twin propellers. Over their gun positions they have 4½ inches of armor and their deck plating is 3 inches thick.

The cruisers carry six 6-inch quick firing guns, four 4.7-inch guns, ten 6-pounder guns, four 1-pounder guns and four small rapid fire guns. They have three torpedo tubes, their speed is estimated at 20 knots, and they carry 700 tons of coal.

EIGHT WARSHIPS OFFERED.

Foreign Shipbuilders Willing to Sell Men-of-War to Uncle Sam.

NEW YORK, March 5.—A newspaper correspondent sends the following from Washington to his paper:

"Fully realizing the importance of preparations for any emergency, the president has directed the navy department to open negotiations looking to the purchase abroad of warships. This fact is now for the first time made public. It probably would not have transpired at this juncture but for the excitement caused by the statement that Spain has purchased or is negotiating for warships being built by the Elswick company of England for Brazil, and for other ships under construction.

"With a view of ascertaining the facts I called upon a high official of the administration and obtained an official admission—made for the first time—that, while the president does not anticipate war, he recognizes that there is a possibility of hostilities growing out of the Cuban problem and the Maine disaster, and that he proposes to be prepared for it.

"There has been ample evidence of this in the extensive preparations, put out to everybody, which have been in progress for some time, but there has been no official admission to this effect until now. Coupled with this was the significant development that eight men-of-war which are practically completed in foreign shipyards have been offered for sale to the United States. The president has given consideration to the advisability of placing an option on them."

THE COURT OF INQUIRY.

It Is Unable to Fix Even an Approximate Date for the End of Its Work.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—It was developed yesterday afternoon through telegraphic correspondence between Secretary Long and Admiral Seward that the court of inquiry is unable to fix even an approximate date for the conclusion of its investigation into the disaster to the Maine. Sharing the general anxiety for some information on this point, Secretary Long, at the instance of the cabinet, sent a telegram to Admiral Seward asking him when it was expected that the report of the court would be made, and late tonight the following reply was received:

"I have talked with the president of the court of inquiry and agree with him that it is not yet possible to fix a date for the finding, as so much depends upon the progress of the divers and wreckers and the results they obtain. Every effort is being made to advance the inquiry. The court returns to Havana by the Mangrove this evening, having finished the examination at Key West."

The London reports caused comment at the state department. In some quarters the feeling was expressed that pending the finding of a court of inquiry on a case having the international phase of the Maine explosion the obligations of neutrality were as strongly imposed as Great Britain and France in

time of war. The precedents apply only to a condition of war and not to conditions which may eventually lead to war. In the Geneva award, however, unfriendly acts by Great Britain prior to the breaking out of the rebellion constituted part of the case on which heavy damages were awarded against her. But as a general rule foreign governments are free to sell warships either directly or through their citizens up to the actual date of hostilities.

Matters were very quiet, at least externally, in the war department. There was a strong indisposition to discuss the proposition to resume possession of Dry Tortugas, but the officials did not hesitate to declare that only normal movements were going on. So it was unknown officially that the troops at Salt Lake are being reviewed, and it was said that if this were so it could be nothing more than the usual periodical inspections required by the regulations.

It is probable that the Olympia, flagship of the Asiatic squadron and the peerless queen of the cruisers, will come home to San Francisco. The navigation bureau has this movement under consideration, and in view of the fact that the ship has been three years away from a navy yard, engaged in hard cruising service, even if there were no other reason, it is probable that the order will be given.

THEIR TASK DIFFICULT.

Part of a Body Recovered and Another One Found by Divers.

HAVANA, March 5.—The American divers, having examined more or less thoroughly the wardrobe of the Maine and the senior and junior officers' mess-rooms yesterday, are trying to effect an entrance into the petty officers' compartment, in the hope of finding some bodies there. Part of a body was recovered from under a smokestack. The other portion is already buried. A body has been found in the pantry, but is not yet extricated. From the clothing worn it is believed to be the body of the pantry boy. The Spanish divers were down in the afternoon for some time.

Captain Sharp, who is in charge of the Merritt & Chapman wrecking outfit, appreciates the difficulties of the situation better than others. He will not specify any time when the big guns will be released. It is necessary to first remove the tops of the turrets. These are securely fastened by steel bolts, which must be cut loose, and the best informed people here think a month will elapse before the turrets are opened, but they may be opened sooner. In the meantime work on the minor details of the wreck will proceed with all possible speed.

Senator Proctor returned yesterday afternoon from Artemisa, earlier than expected, leaving there Miss Clara Barton, Superintendent Elwell and two Red Cross society doctors, with others, to assist in establishing a relief depot. The senator was enabled to see a part of the country which he had not visited, where tobacco and bananas were once the staples. Senator Proctor, General Fitz Hugh Lee, Captain Sigbee and many other prominent Americans attended the ceremony of decorating the graves of the Maine's dead yesterday.

CALLS DU BOSC A LIAR.

Emilio Nunez of Filibustering Fame Seems to Think He Is One.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.—Emilio Nunez, the promoter of Cuban filibustering expeditions who has just returned to his home in this city from his recent trip to Cuba on the filibustering steamer Dauntless, was yesterday shown the Washington dispatch which stated that Senor du Bosc, the Spanish charge d'affaires, had informed the state department that the Dauntless expedition was not successful and had failed to effect a landing.

Mr. Nunez shrugged his shoulders after the dispatch had been read to him and remarked that it was just as well that the Spanish authorities should have that opinion regarding the Dauntless expedition, but, evidently becoming more interested in the topic, he continued: "My last expedition put into Cuba 700,000 bullets loaded at the end of 700,000 mauler cartridges, and every one of these bullets is now being used to let daylight into the Spaniards who think as Senor du Bosc thinks. If Senor du Bosc knows as much about my recent expedition as the Spanish authorities in Havana know about the destruction of the Maine and if Senor du Bosc says that expedition was a failure, as the Havana authorities say the Maine blew up on her own account, then Senor du Bosc is of the same stripe as the authorities in Havana—he is a liar."

Mr. Nunez expressed the opinion that the battleship Maine was destroyed "by Spanish officials, with their knowledge and by their hands."

Buckland Gets Secret Orders.

NEW HAVEN, March 5.—Secret orders have been received by the Connecticut naval reserves. Commander Buckland of the battalion when asked about them said: "The less we say about them the better. There are a good many orders being given out that we cannot talk about. I can give nothing for publication relative to the rumored private orders."

The members of the battalion in this city have been unusually active the past few days. They have gathered their uniforms and paraphernalia and have made ready to act as coast defenders in case it is necessary. Every place has been carefully gathered up, and each member's outfit is complete. This is in accordance with orders given to the battalion at their last drill.

Hardinge to Go to Key West.

ITHACA, N. Y., March 5.—Robert H. Hardinge, chief of the weather bureau here, has been ordered indirectly through officials of the war department to report at Key West within 15 days. It is thought probable that the change is due to the fact that expert attaches of the bureau are being placed at coast stations since the Maine explosion has caused a commotion in naval circles.

SCARE NOT AFFECTING TRADE.

What Dun's Review Has to Say This Week on Business Matters.

NEW YORK, March 5.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: While the nation stands ready to support President McKinley, as it was ready to support President Cleveland, in any just controversy, it is gratified by the calmness and justice shown in waiting until facts determine whether there is ground for complaint. Stories of the most reckless sort, disproved promptly, and many of them before they are told, affected speculation in stocks much last week and at times this week, but they have not disturbed the industries and the trade of the country at all.

There is confidence that the authorities are doing what is proper to provide for public defense, and business is moving on with the assurance that it will not be seriously disturbed. The nation looks for peace, but knows that its sources of prosperity are quite beyond the reach of any attack that is possible. In grain, cotton, meat products and petroleum markets have been stronger, with gradual increase in the demand for manufactured products.

Failures for the week have been 251 in the United States, against 245 last year, and 32 in Canada, against 59 last year.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The jubilee anniversary of the Italian constitution was celebrated at Rome yesterday.

In the London county council elections the Progressives secured 68 seats to 48 for the Moderates.

The police at Madrid have arrested an apparently insane Italian who had threatened Premier Sagasta.

An unknown man deliberately walked between cars of a Central freight train while coupling at New York and was crushed to death.

Cambridge university has sent a refusal similar to that of Oxford to the challenge of the American Intercollegiate Athletic association.

It is said at the legation of the Great Republic of Central America in Washington that the relations of Nicaragua and Costa Rica are more satisfactory.

It is reported that a permanent rupture has taken place in New York between Richard Croker and Mayor Van Wyck and that John F. Carroll has joined the mayor in the revolt.

At the court martial of Captain Carter, Vice-President Brown of the Knickerbocker Trust company refused to produce accounts of Captain Green without the latter's permission.

Kid McCoy defeated Nick Burley at Hot Springs, Ark., yesterday—in two rounds in the presence of 2,000 people. The principals, seconds and officials were arrested after the fight for breaking the law.

Before the Hudson county investigating committee, in Jersey City, two clergymen testified as to their experience with the prosecutor in their efforts to suppress "Little Monte Carlo," a Weehawken poolroom.

Presidential Nominations.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The president has sent the following nominations of postmasters to the senate: Pennsylvania—Greensburg, R. A. Fulton Lyon; West Newton, Alexander Moreland; New Jersey—Belvidere, Josiah Ketcham; Beverly, E. P. Rodman; Lambertville, C. A. Skillman; Summit, M. C. Halsey; Riverton, O. H. Mattis; New York—Clifton Springs, R. S. Leeland; Greenport, Joseph Ogilvie; Glen Cove, F. A. Wright; Honeoye Falls, William Martin; Olean, G. M. Mayer; Portville, William Holden; Schuylerville, William S. Ostrander; Wolcott, A. C. Brink; Millbrook, F. W. Hallock; Morrisville, J. H. Broad.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Fourth class postmasters have been appointed as follows: Pennsylvania—Bloomfield, Caleb S. Shreeve; Enid, H. M. Edwards; Emigsville, Horace Brillingier; Featherstone, A. R. W. Knight; Hickory Corners, Paul W. Lenker; Hillsville, W. T. Gilmore; Library, R. L. C. Murphy; McMinn, Charles J. Harper; Masonstown, Allen D. Smith; Riceville, V. L. Greeny; Selkstown, A. C. Hunsicker; New York—Bomby, Daniel N. Cross; Cicero, Arthur Stearns; Gansevoort, Hibbard Hall; New Suffolk, J. G. Tuttle; Orleans Four Corners, E. T. Sargeant; Tribes Hill, Darius V. Manchester.

Court of Inquiry Leaves Key West.

KEY WEST, March 5.—After two postponements the court of inquiry left for Havana last evening on the light-house tender Mangrove. It is believed by the best informed here that the court will complete its labors in the Cuban capital within ten days. Only three of the six days the court was here were devoted to the work of investigation. The inactivity of the past two days is still unexplained, except by a semi-official statement that Rear Admiral Seward was awaiting instructions from Washington. The sessions, it is generally understood, developed no evidence by which the court could definitely determine the cause of the explosion.

Long Sentence For a Negro.

BOSTON, March 5.—George Langford, a negro, who committed a murderous assault on Officer Shattuck at the Concord reformatory on Jan. 1, was yesterday afternoon sentenced to not more than 20 nor less than 18 years' imprisonment by the superior criminal court in East Cambridge. The trial did not occupy more than half an hour.

Nays Won't Beat Spain Quickly.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 5.—The annual banquet of the Bridgeport Republican club was held at the Fourth Regiment armory, there being an attendance of about 1,000. Congressman Doolittle, one of the speakers, in referring to the Maine disaster, said that if war with Spain did come it would not last over 30 days.

ACCUSES THE DEAD.

Col. Bates on Defeat of Union Troops at Petersburg.

SAYS MEADE WAS TO BLAME FOR IT.

Alleges That by Delaying the Order to Charge the Late General Prevented Burnside's Success After Expulsion of Famous Mine.

HARTFORD, March 5.—Colonel G. D. Bates of Putnam, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, has made serious charges against the late General George G. Meade in connection with the explosion of the famous mine under a Confederate fort in Petersburg, Va., on July 30, 1864. Colonel Bates asserts that General Meade was directly responsible for the terrible sacrifice of Union lives and the failure to carry the fort after the explosion.

These charges were made by Colonel Bates Thursday night during a visit of the department officers to A. E. Burnside post of Unionville, and he said it was the first time the inside facts of the explosion had been given out. Colonel Bates, who was on the staff of General Burnside, said that on the night designated for the blowing up of the Confederate fort General Burnside sought his own Rhode Island troops and staid with them in the trenches. Burnside's original order was to fire the mine at daybreak and charge the enemy without a moment's delay, but he was prevented from carrying it out by subsequent orders.

After General Burnside's order was issued there came orders from General Meade to fire the mine at a given hour, but the order to charge was not countermanded. At a later hour in the night a second order was issued from General Meade directing the charge to be delayed after the firing of the mine until orders were received from the general headquarters.

This, Colonel Bates said, took away the vitality of General Burnside's whole plan. The explosion was successful and sent the Confederate forces back in the wildest dismay. That was the moment Burnside had planned for the charge, but half an hour was lost in waiting for orders from General Meade. When they were received the Confederates had regained the ground they had abandoned and were prepared to resist the assault.

This charge was made, however, and the Union forces were compelled to cut their way back through columns of Confederates who had surrounded them. General Meade, Colonel Bates declared, failed to order re-enforcements into the field, leaving the troops of General Burnside to meet their fate without an effort being made to afford them relief.

General Burnside was urged then and afterward to make known the causes that led to the terrible sacrifice of men and material in connection with the disaster. But he closed his lips. Colonel Bates asserted, declaring that it would be better for him to perish in the ignominy of the defeat rather than allow the treachery and jealousy to be disclosed which were chargeable to General Meade's account.

Christian Scientist in Trouble.

BATAVIA, N. Y., March 5.—Mrs. Adie F. Weaver, wife of a prominent coal dealer, was arrested on an indictment charging her with practicing medicine without license. Mrs. Weaver is a leading Christian Scientist. It is alleged that she professionally attended a child suffering from concussion of his as a result of a fall. Her treatment, it is set forth, caused the disjuncting of the hip and decay of the thigh bone, rendering a surgical operation necessary. She pleaded not guilty and was released on her own recognizance.

Here's a Good Sized Trust.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Arrangements for consolidating 15 out of the 20 steel wire, rod and nail manufacturers in the country were practically concluded yesterday. The new concern is to be known as the American Steel and Wire company, its capital will be \$50,000,000 and its headquarters either in this city or Chicago.

Principals in Mistrial Arraigned.

CAMDEN, N. J., March 5.—Lawyer Harry S. Seovel, Chief of Police Samuel M. Johnson of Stockton, ex-Justice of the Peace George W. Miles and John Meshaw, an impaneled juror, were arraigned yesterday on the indictment charging them with embezzlement in the Shaw trial. They all pleaded not guilty. Their trial will probably take place in April.

Mrs. Sorg Discharged.

BUFFALO, March 5.—Mrs. Lena Sorg, who was charged with the murder of her husband, Michael Sorg, at their farmhouse, near Lancaster, on Feb. 4, has been released from custody, the grand jury having failed to find an indictment against her.

La Champagne Going Into Drydock.

HALEFAX, March 5.—The steamer La Champagne began discharging her cargo today, which will be taken to New York by the steamers Delta and Tiber. She will await the arrival of a new shaft, when she will go into drydock for repairs.

Police End a Theatrical Performance.

VIENNA, March 5.—During a gala performance at a theater in Trieste last evening there was a disorderly pro-Irish demonstration. The police stopped the performance, closed the theater and made two arrests.

Cannibals Fought Off a Belgian.

BRUSSELS, March 5.—Information has reached here from the Congo Free State that cannibals killed and ate a Belgian official named Neuhaus at Lokole, on the Congo, west of Leopoldville, last January.

HER DANDY RIDE.

A Tale of the Himalayas.

BY ORIEL MILLER.

Nestling among the hills and reflected on the bosom of the little lake of the same name, is Naini Tal, the government station for Oudh and the northwest provinces during the hot months. Here Maj. Gilbert was stationed with the Fourteenth Highland regiment. As his family had decided to remain with him in the hills during the winter, Miriam Browne, an American girl, much nurtured by five years in the land of flowers and philosophy, had gained the consent of her uncle and aunt to stop with them. Yet the cold season in the foothills of the Himalayas cannot properly be called winter, for in this part of India the flowers bloom in the gardens in all seasons. The guest of a charming family, in the midst of all the attractions of winter in a high altitude, Miriam had passed the months in almost uninterrupted pleasure. Adventures were frequent—experiences such as are dear to the heart of a spirited American girl.

One day, late in February, at the close of the winter rains, Miss Browne received a telegram at luncheon, announcing the serious illness of her aunt, at that time in Delhi. In her impulsive way, Miriam decided to start for the plains on the same afternoon. The Gilberts tried in vain to dissuade her. She determined to go as far as Rani Bagh that afternoon and spend the night in the dak bungalow. As few persons traveled in the hills at that time of the year, there was little danger of not finding a vacant room at the bungalow.

If Maj. Gilbert had been at home, that enterprise would undoubtedly have been forbidden, or if Lieut. Gilbert, the major's son, had been at home, he would have planned it otherwise and acted as escort to Miriam. But as both the major and the lieutenant were away, Miriam

"Rahm Singh, you, too, want money, and you are conniving with these men. You think I am not to return to the Major Sahib's house, and that he will never know how wicked your heart is. But I shall write a letter telling him everything, and then you will all be locked up in the tahanna."

Her knowledge of Hindustani never seemed so inadequate. She had to resort to her mother tongue—not without some effect, for a native fears being cursed, and anything in an unknown language is full of calamity to him. She knew something of coolie character, and seeing her advantage followed it up immediately. It required no little courage for an unprotected girl at the dead of night in the foothills of the Himalayas to face a half dozen mutinous natives. Summoning all her courage, and using her English as vehemently as possible, Miriam stepped out of the dandy, lighted the lantern, and prepared to walk. As she took her climbing stick, which one of the men had been carrying, she addressed the group in her Hindustani.

"There, throw the dandy over the kadd; eat that Christian food and be defiled," she said, pointing to her lunch-cup. They were all Brahmins, and she knew she could say nothing worse. "I give you nothing, but a letter will be sent to Maj. Sahib. He knows you all, and you will not dare go back to your home to worship or you will be imprisoned. I fear nothing; my God will care for me, while yours will be angry with you. I am a great walker and can soon reach the inn. There I shall find servants whom I shall bless; but you will be cursed. Return! Go back, I say."

The girl turned and started boldly forward with her lantern—though she was trembling in every limb. The path

path, Miriam saw that it was only the

flame from a burning lime kiln. The night air grew warmer as they trotted down the mountain road. Jackals howled alarmingly near, and the branches of trees along the roadside cracked under the weight of monkeys. But as Miriam presently distinguished several familiar landmarks of civilization, she felt reassured. At length they approached the little native village not more than a mile from the inn.

"Miss Sahib, Rani Bagh! said Rahm Singh, pointing forward with a half smile. True enough, Rani Bagh was near by, and it was not long till Miriam was sipping tea behind the well-bolted doors.

When she shut herself in for the night Rahm Singh saluted and said: "I will sleep at your feet all night and be your guard." And all night the servant who had been chiefly responsible for the mutiny among the coolies lay wrapped in his blanket before her door. Yet long after midnight she had not found sleep; and unable to bear the loneliness longer, she was about to call out, when she heard a familiar voice:

"Rahm Singh! ho, Rahm Singh! Miss Sahib hai?"

"Ji hai, Lieut. Sahib."

It was the voice of Lieut. Gilbert, who, finding Miriam gone upon his return home, had set out immediately to overtake her. After riding half the night along the dangerous mountain road, he had come up with her at the dak bungalow.

KILLED BY ENCHANTMENT.

A Queer Witchcraft Yarn from Over the Seas.

When magicians, occultists and adepts in the black art the world over heard the other day that Stanislas de Guaita was dead, they at once, or rather, the leaders among them, jumped at the conclusion that enchantment had killed him, or, in other words, that an evil spell had been cast over him, causing him to waste away and finally die.

Some years ago Stanislas de Guaita had a bitter quarrel with Abbe Boullan, and the story goes that he determined to kill him by enchantment. During the middle ages, when a person desired to get an enemy out of the way he frequently applied for assistance to a magician, who, for a monetary consideration, usually very large, would undertake the unpleasant task. The weapon used was an image, made of wax or other impressionable material, and fashioned so as to resemble as closely as possible the person about to be removed. The magician claimed that when pins were stuck into this image or when it was otherwise maltreated, the person whom it represented would suffer in a corresponding degree and would in a short time surely die. Naturally, images of this sort were at one time rather popular among those who had enemies whom they desired to remove.

Abbe Boullan, however, was not to be caught so easily. He knew a deal about the black art himself, and when he heard that Guaita intended to kill him in this way he determined to prevent him. He was successful, and then he went on his way, calmly pursuing his occult studies, until finally he died peacefully in his bed, like any other respectable gentleman. Now, however, and this is the singular part of the story—it appears that the enchantment which was designed to work his death has ruthlessly retraced its steps and killed its own author, Stanislas de Guaita himself.

This being the nineteenth century, Stanislas de Guaita, it is said, could not condescend to use such a clumsy artifice as a waxen image, and, therefore, he employed the more modern engine of destruction known as the "flying spirit."

Abbe Boullan had an intuition of what was coming, and, though he had the utmost confidence in his own ability to ward off any such attacks, he nevertheless thought it well to consult a clairvoyant. She not only told him his suspicions were well founded, but she also described the weapon which Guaita intended to use against him. This weapon was a curious poison, the main ingredients of which were farina, meat, sacramental bread, mercury, animal extracts, human blood, acetate of morphine and the juice of an asp. As cholera is conveyed from Asia to Europe through a microbe, so this poison was to be conveyed into Abbe Boullan's body through the spirit of some dead person, which Guaita would summon from the nether world for that purpose.

Abbe Boullan knew that this was a deadly poison, and, therefore, in order to avert it, he donned his sacerdotal robes, set up an altar in his room and spent day and night in appealing for aid to Melchisedec and all other invisible ones whose assistance might prove beneficial to him. The struggle lasted for months, and terrible it was. When it was over the abbe's health was shattered, but he cared not, for he knew that he had prevailed in the fight.

From that day forth he bade defiance to Guaita and his poison. He died in Lyons in January, 1893, of heart disease.

The abbe had escaped, but the abominable poison was not to be cheated in this way. The flying spirit who bore it had been commissioned to lodge it in the vital part of a victim, and this command could not be ignored. Since, then, the abbe had proved invulnerable, there was only one logical course for the messenger of death to pursue, and that was to lodge the poison in the body of its master, Stanislas de Guaita.

As long as the abbe lived Guaita had no ground for fear, as he could always assume that the poison was working slowly, but when the abbe died peacefully, natural death he had good cause for fear, as he knew that sooner or later the flying spirit would surely come back and kill him. We are not told whether he made any efforts to save himself; indeed, the ending days of his life seem to be shrouded in mystery.

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"I KNOW YOUR GODS ARE VERY ANGRY."

insisted upon her own way. She consented, however, to accept the protection of Rahm Singh, a trusted servant, as far as Katgodam. Her things were hastily packed, the required number of coolies were summoned, and at four o'clock she started. The valleys were already in deep shadow, and a phantom-like mist lurked in the gorges. The afternoon sunlight made distant peaks golden set in tents of emerald and topaz. Here and there a gray mist veiled the summits.

Some describe the dandy as "an instrument of torture swung on the shoulders of trotting men." But not to exaggerate, imagine a comfortable low seat among cushions and rugs on a frame covered with oilcloth, to which is attached a short heavy pole to rest on the shoulders of coolies. If a canopy is desired it can be put on. Unless one has a steady head, the sensation of the jolting of this mountain vehicle is not pleasant. The coolies trot along the edges of a cliff, and "change shoulders" in places which seem to the occupant most perilous.

When hardly an hour of daylight remained, Miriam Browne had still 11 miles of mountain road to travel before reaching the dak bungalow. She was equipped, however, with a good lantern. When the half-way house was finally reached, it was quite dark. As the coolies wished to rest, the "dandy" was set down by the roadside for awhile. Thus sitting in the gloom, Miriam could hear the gurgle of the water in the pipes of the coolies and their low, monotonous talk. The chatter of monkeys and the shrill cries of birds came from the neighboring trees, and the wail of wild beasts from the mountain side. Below in the gorge was the torrent of the river. She began to feel a vague fear, and was anxious to be on her way. The recent rains had injured the roads in many places, and traveling in the night was dangerous. There was no time to lose. Miriam called the coolies and told them they must start again. To her amazement they refused to obey. Then Rahm Singh said:

"Miss Sahib, the coolies are tired and must have a present to get something to eat."

"No, Rahm Singh, I cannot give you any bakshish now, but when I pay you to return, you all shall have piece."

"Miss Sahib, they will not go if they do not have bakshish now."

before her was black—the overhanging branches and impending rocks increased the darkness until it was terrifying.

As she left the men, she heard them asking one another if the Miss Sahib really would go on. If she did the Maj. Sahib would be furiously angry, that would be perilous. But Miriam's fear grew as she saw that despite their doubts the coolies did not follow her. The rustle of every leaf and the cries of night birds frightened her.

But horrors! A few rods ahead of her, around a slight bend in the path, a huge monster suddenly loomed up in flame from a pit. On the point of collapse, she heard Rahm Singh's voice: "Miss Sahib! Oh, Miss Sahib! thar!"

Miriam was ready enough to wait; yet lest she should seem too willing, she only slackened her pace. Again she heard Rahm's call and the sound of footsteps.

"Go back! I do not need such wicked servants!" she shouted to the approaching coolies.

But on the coolies came quickly with the "dandy." Drawing herself to her full height, with a haughty air, Miriam demanded what they meant by following her when she had already dismissed them. "You are too disloyal to serve me, and I know your gods are very angry."

The terrified men set up a howl of distress and begged her to get into the "dandy," but she pushed by them and went on. Now even Rahm Singh was alarmed, and entreated her to be kind. Again they brought forward the "dandy" and begged her to enter. When Miriam recalls the incident now she smiles to think of herself, not large, less than a hundred pounds on the scales, commanding those six insolent natives. But she played her part well. When she again refused to enter the "dandy," the dirty, half-naked fellows fell on their faces, clasped their hands and prayed for forgiveness. One poor fellow actually kissed her feet and put dust on his head to show his humility. They continued to beg her to trust herself to them once more, promising to travel the remaining distance very rapidly. She seemed to relent with great reluctance, but at last entered the dandy. The coolies promptly shouldered it, and with one of them in advance carrying the lantern they were again on their way to Rani Bagh. As they passed the demon of fire which had frightened her at the bend in the

APPROACHING A CLIMAX!

TOMPKINS' NEW DRY GOODS STORE,

Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown.

The Removal Sale!

Has only a few more weeks to run. Only a few more weeks to get goods at these prices. New goods are coming in daily that were bought for March 1st delivery, before we made the deal with Mr. Adams. The 1st of April is near at hand, when we will move into the G. B. Adams' Store, No. 35 North street. Take advantage of these prices while they last. Read this price list and see how unmercifully we cut the prices of our new fresh goods, as well as all of our stock, while our removal sale is on.

KID GLOVES.

REMOVAL You will find 400 pairs of \$1 and \$1.25 Kid Gloves for women, on the main aisle, front, this week, at SIXTY-NINE CENTS A PAIR. The beauty of these gloves is that they are all new, fresh goods, with Foster hooks or new patented O. X. clasps. Colors, tan, modes, dark green, black, pearl and white, all sizes, with new heavy stitched backs, all in w. fresh goods, no other sold for style and value. One new dollar and dollar and a quarter value, but our removal sale is on, hence price 60¢ a pair.

THE QUEEN ANNE It's a dollar a pair here, because this is the only store that sells the Queen Anne, and we bought a big lot at one time. It isn't enough to say that it is the best dollar glove made. When you say the best you simply rivalry, and the Queen Anne has no rivals in the dollar grade and scarcely an equal at \$1.50.

BOYS' WAISTS, made of light ground calico. You usually pay 25¢ for these. Removal sale price 10¢ each.

Ladies' Separate Skirts.

NEW GOODS. Fabrics and effects, lined throughout, with profits off and removal sale prices on.

CHEVROT KEEGE of fine quality, lined throughout and bound with velvet. This is the latest spring style. Was to be sold for \$4, but removal sale is on, so they are marked \$2.50.

FINE BRILLIANTINE of extra lustre, exceptionally well made and lined, bound with velvet. Actual value \$4. Removal sale price \$2.98.

BLACK BROCADE Large new spring designs, well made, fully lined, 4 yds wide. Removal sale price \$4.98.

SEPARATE DRESS in fancy French Rayonette effects, new handsome patterns and designs. Removal price \$2.98.

SATTEEN at \$1.25 of last black pattern, gathered ruffles to inches deep, worth \$2. At \$1.65 of Black Morocco, with 12 inch ruffle on bottom, serviceable and comfortable, worth \$2.50.

Removal Sale of Wrappers

A NEW Calico Wrapper, made of black or indigo blue calico, excellently finished, wide skirt with deep hem, lined body. A wrapper that sells anywhere for 75¢ and 85¢. Removal sale 45¢ each.

LADIES' WRAPPERS. Cambric, standard goods, prettily made, backs trimmed, full width skirt and deep hem. These are \$1 goods. Removal sale price 75¢ each.

THIS PRETTY Standard goods, but not at WRAPPER, standard price, made from material chosen with particular good lot in mind and a decidedly cheap lot in price; of standard quality calico, white stripes and figures on blue or black grounds. Tight fitting back, wide skirt, lined body, braided. Removal sale price \$1, worth \$1.50.

SHIRT WAISTS. These are light weight Shirt Waists made, but you will not care when you see them and know their prices. There is no time in the year for a bargain in out of the season. Removal sale price of this lot is 25¢ each. Made of Percale, fancy figured, full front, yoke back, laundered detachable collar of same material. 60¢ is regular price of these.

New Spring Dress Goods.

Our letter of to-day can give but scant justice to the tremendous list of "FASHIONABLE REVIEWS." The new goods are coming in, and every one of these new patterns is a style maker. New, daring, striking, different, but withal as rich, lustrous, handsome and attractive as only high class dress fabrics can be. Note how we have taken the profits off and allow you the pick of these new goods at these unheard of prices on account of our removal sale.

TWENTY of stylish and quick selling Dress Goods of excellent quality and good color assortment, consisting of plaids and fancies, to be closed out at 10¢ a yard.

TWENTY of Colored Dress Goods, in the latest styles and newest spring fashions, including stylish fabrics, chic, two-toned effects, broken checks, etc. A fine assortment of materials that should have been sold for 35¢, but our removal sale is on, hence price is 25¢ a yard.

FANCY NEW A mixed lot of foreign and domestic goods in stripes, checks, hair lines and English and Scotch Tweeds. We should have been the price of these. Removal sale price 25¢ a yard.

New Spring Dress Goods.

VIGORFAUX A fancy novelty 40 inches wide, CROISSE. Desirable material for tailor suits, Trunks, Skirts, Coats, etc. Removal sale price 45¢ a yard.

40-INCH The new spring goods, small FANCY PLAIDS, plaids with bright drossy combination coloring of green, red, blue, etc. Very desirable for ladies' waists and children's wear. Our enticing special at 50¢ a yard.

BEAUTIFUL ALL WOOL A magnificent AND SILK VELOUR PLAIDS, quality. Actual value \$1.50. Removal sale price \$1 a yd.

40-INCH NEW In rich shades of green, brown, GRAY CLOTH navy, etc. This is one of the popular fabrics of the season. Should have been 60¢. Removal sale price 50¢ a yard.

A FINE Quality of English Granite Cloth and Black French Bourret, 52 inches wide. The best wearing cloths that are made this season. Regular value \$1.25. Removal sale price 75¢ a yard.

Umbrellas.

AN UMBRELLA One hundred 28-inch fast black UMBRELLAS, ladies or gents handles. Sold by all dealers for 50¢ to 60¢. Tompkins' removal sale price 25¢ each. Not more than two to each customer. 50¢ and 60¢ styles. Made with strong steel rods. A fine assortment of Congo handles in crooks and other styles, worth \$1.50 each. Removal sale price 75¢ each. Not more than two of these to each customer.

BEAUTIFUL UNION SILK Steel rods, Paraffin TAFETA UMBRELLAS, fine assortment of fancy handles, including Dresden, Congo, with fancy imitation pearl tops, and many other styles. All at \$2.50 value. Removal sale price \$1.35 each. This week is your opportunity. You can buy umbrellas cheap enough to lend. No need for people to get wet with prices we'll sell them at. ON THEM.

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First Class Talent Secured for the Piano
Recital at the First Congregational
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There will be a noteworthy musical
event in the First Congregational Church
on the evening of March 15th, that being
the date fixed for the Von Grabill piano
recital. B. Becker Von Grabill, who
comes to Middletown for the first time,
cannot fail to delight all lovers of music.
He is the assistant and only pupil of the
aged De Kontzki, official pianist of the
German court. Mr. Grabill left Europe
but a short time since, leaving behind
him a great reputation and bringing
with him many degrees, honors and de-
corations. As a pianist he is esteemed as
one of the most brilliant and effective
now engaged in professional tours. As
a composer he takes high rank, "having
the gift of melodious invention," as a re-
cent critic puts it, "coupled with the
necessary technical skill to interpret his
ideas."

The promoters of this concert rely
upon its merits alone to attract an audi-
ence worthy of the artists who are to
appear, and there will be no personal
canvass for ticket buyers. It is believed
that this course will prove popular.

Mr. Grabill will be ably assisted by
Miss Julia Wickham, of Greenwich, Conn.,
formerly solo alto of the First Presby-
terian Church, this city.

A USEFUL CATALOGUE.

T. J. Dwyer & Son's Announcement to
Fruit Growers.

We have received a catalogue of T. J.
Dwyer & Son's Orange Co./Nurseries at
Cornwall, N. Y. From a very small be-
ginning this trade has grown to large
proportions. Trees, plants, etc. are ship-
ped to all parts of the country. As will
be seen from the testimonials in the
catalogue they have among their patrons
people who are in the habit of getting
the best the market affords. They have
for this spring's sales, three million
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trees, fifty thousand each of currants,
blackberries, and raspberries, and aspar-
agus by the million, also a full line of
roses, shade trees, evergreens and other
ornamental stock. As will be seen from
their advertisement in our columns they
send their catalogue free by mail to all
applicants. We advise all our readers to
send for a copy. It contains valuable
and instructive information and names
the varieties of fruits best suited for this
section of the country.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Reports on the State Convention—Public
Reception by the Gymnasium Class—
Gymnastics for Ladies.

At the meeting, to-morrow, in the
Y. M. C. A. rooms at 3:30 p. m., reports
will be given of the State convention by
delegates who attended it at Rochester,
Feb. 18-20. A cordial invitation is ex-
tended to the men of our city to be
present.

Next Thursday evening the Y. M. C.
A. rooms will be opened to the public
generally and an informal reception will
be given by the members of the gym-
nasium class. Dr. D. B. Hardenbergh,
medical director, will also give a brief
address on "Physical Culture." All will
be welcomed.

Lawes Robertson, physical director
of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, is organ-
izing an evening class for ladies, of which
any of the ladies of this city may become
a member at a very small expense. In-
formation on this subject can be obtained
of the General Secretary.

THE MONTICELLO POST OFFICE

A Prediction That Col. Bradley Will
Name the Next Postmaster.

We are told by a man high in the coun-
cils of the Republican party that the
man who will dictate or influence the
appointment of the next postmaster will
be Col. Thomas Bradley, of Walden. He
selected the man for Middletown, as
against the combined machine and or-
ganization, and the more the matter is
examined the plainer it appears that he
will do the same for Monticello. He it
was who as a delegate to the National
Convention defied Platt and Odell and
supported McKinley. Now, who is Brad-
ley for? Is he for Ludington or is he for
Becher, or will he take up an unknown
quantity, a black horse, so to speak, and
give to him the plum? It is written
somewhere in the book of fate, but we
can't find it.

Mrs. Otens and the Indecent Letter
Charge.

Mrs. Otens, the Ellenville woman who
threw vitriol on W. R. Denman, of that
village, and of which an Ulster county
jury said she was not guilty, will appear
before U. S. Commissioner Shields in New
York, next Wednesday, to answer to the
charge of sending indecent letters
through the mails.

Standard Oil Co. to Build a Store House
at Chester.

Joseph Durland, president of the Ches-
ter Bank, sold, Tuesday, for Mrs. Bacon
her lot on the north side of the railway,
opposite the depot, to the Standard Oil
Co. for \$5,000. The company purposes
to build a storage building for its oil to
supply the trade along that part of the
Erie and its branches.

Two New Erie Creameries.

Work is being rushed on the creameries
which the Erie is building at Turners and
at Big Island, on the Pine Island branch.
The buildings are each 50x100 feet. The
former has been leased by J. P. Browning
and the latter to George Ickes, both of
Brooklyn.

OVER THE SHAWANGUNKS.

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS IN SULLI-
VAN COUNTY ARE DOING.

The News from All Parts of the County
—Many Matters of Interest Condensed
from Our Sullivan Exchanges and Con-
tributed by Wide Awake Correspond-
ents.

—Samuel B. Greene has been nominated
for president of the village of Monticello
by the Citizens' Progressive party. The
other candidates on this ticket are:
Trustee for one year, Patrick H. Ryan;
Trustee for two years, Joseph Engel-
mann; Treasurer, Seth G. Carpenter;
Collector, Samuel Mearns.

—George Harding, the O. and W. agent
at Liberty Falls, has resigned.

—R. D. Terwilliger, the O. and W.
operator at Summitville, has been trans-
ferred to South Fallsburgh, where he
has the day position.

—The Republicans of Liberty have
nominated the following village ticket:
President, Daniel Poelman, Sr.; Trustees,
H. H. Weyrauch and John C. Hall;
Treasurer, R. A. Monroe; Collector, John
T. Hobart.

—M. C. Hamby, the deposed pastor of
the Bethel Presbyterian Church, has quit
preaching and is reported to have gone
into business in Toronto, Can., with his
brother.

—Charles Lorch has bought U. R.
Calkins' farm near Youngsville for \$1,000.

—The dwelling house of James Daley,
of Starlight, was destroyed by fire,
Thursday night, Feb. 24. The fire was
discovered by members of the family
about 2:30 in the morning. They suc-
ceeded in saving some of their furniture.
Mr. Daley was insured for \$300 on the
house and \$200 on furniture.

—The Monticello creamery has again
changed hands, Mr. Robbin going out of
the business and Messrs. Schloss &
Evans, of New York, taking charge. On
Thursday, Mr. Robbin's interests were
sold at auction by Wm. B. McMillen,
auctioneer, and bid in by Mr. Jordan, the
mortgagee. The sale was divided into
two parts. The first lot consisted of
between 700 and 800 cans which
brought 40 cents each; the second lot
was a boiler, engine, vats, shelving,
coolers and Babcock tester, etc., which
were sold for \$250.—*Watchman.*

—W. T. Stephenson, who was appointed
postmaster at Hurd, has declined the
job. The salary is only \$50 a year.

—Louis Roth, of the town of Tusten,
was arrested in New York, a few days
ago, by Sheriff Fulton, of this county, on
the charge of abandoning his wife and
five children. He was taken before Jus-
tice Darling, of Tusten, who decreed that
he must pay \$5 a week for the support
of his family or be committed to the
county jail.

—Stoddard P. Gray, a school teacher
at Loch Sheldrake, sued Chris Berringer,
of the Jeffersonville House, for \$13.50,
the value of coat and pair of gloves
taken from the hotel by another party,
by mistake, in September last. Berringer
recovered the articles and sent them to
Gray, who refused to pay the fifty cents
express charges and at length brought
suit. The case came up before Squire
Slavor, at Woodbourne, Saturday, but
was not tried for, after a lot of wrang-
ling it was settled, each party paying
part of the costs.

—Liberty wants to refund its railroad
bonds, which are falling due at the rate
of \$5,000 a year. The bonds bear four
per cent. and it is proposed to refund
them into long time bonds at three per
cent.

—Charles Couch, of New Milford, Conn.,
who has bought cattle in this county,
every spring, for twenty-five years, has
been in Liberty for a week buying oxen.
He shipped a carload, Friday, for which
he paid from \$100 to \$120 a pair. He
says that the oxen throughout the
country are not as good as they were
twenty years ago.

—A. J. D. Wedemeyer, of Liberty, has
been elected a vice president of the
Evangelical Alliance for the United States.

—A little tree only twenty inches long,
cut from a tree on David Chapman's
farm by Peter Hubert, the stage driver,
last week, contained three and a half
pounds of ice. Chas. R. Gregory showed
us a twig from a tree cut on his farm
containing ice over three inches thick.—
Liberty Register.

—John Murphy & Son have sold the
Liberty mansion house to Emmet and
Thomas Casey, of New York, who will
take possession April 1st. The sale in-
cludes the real estate and furnishings
and the price is understood to have been
\$24,000.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Notes of Sunday Services and Other
Matters of Religious Interest.

—Faith Mission, 11 Mill street, Elder D. L.
Coulter, pastor. You will be made welcome to
any or all of the services at the Mission. Sunday
School, 2 p. m.; gospel service at 3 p. m. and
—Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Charles
Hodges, D. D., pastor. 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.;
C. E. meeting 6:30 p. m. Juniors meet
at 3 p. m. Boy's Mission Band 2:30 p. m. Stran-
gers welcome.

—First Presbyterian Church—Services at 11 a.
m. and 7:30 p. m.; Juniors at 3:45 p. m.; Young
People's service, 6:30 p. m.
—St. Paul's M. E. Church, Rev. Frank L. Wil-
son, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and
7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; class meet-
ing, 8:45 a. m.; Junior Epworth League, 3 p. m.;
Epworth League prayer meeting, 6:30 p. m.
Sents free and strangers cordially invited. Com-
munion in the morning.

—North Street M. E. Church—Sunday School
at 2:30 p. m.; Robert Lawrence, Superintendent.
All are invited.

—North Street Congregational Church. Morn-
ing services at 10:30 a. m. Preaching by the pas-
tor, Rev. J. W. Morris. Sunday School, 12 m. Y.
P. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Sents free. Strangers
welcome. Morning subject: "A Good Blinded
Eye." Evening subject: "What must I do?"

—Christ Church (Universalist) Assembly Room,
61 North street. Pastor—Sunday School, 9:45 a.
m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; young
people's service, 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:30.
Cordial welcome to all. Communion in the morn-
ing. Evening subject: "The don't worry circle."
—Free Christian Church—Sunday School, 11 a.
m. Preaching in the evening by the pastor, Gospel
Temperance Union this evening. Evening sub-
ject: "The great glory of Jesus Christ shown in
his perfect manhood."

—First Baptist Church, Rev. Frank A. Heath,
pastor. Bible School at 9:30 a. m.; morning ser-
vice at 11 a. m.; prayer meeting at 3:00 p. m.
Sents free. You are welcomed by communion.
"The angel face." "The don't worry circle."
Evening subject: "Christ the foundation of
church, gospel, salvation, character," followed
by baptism.

—Grace (Episcopal) Church—Rev. D. J. Evans,
B. A., rector. 24 Sunday in Lent. Holy Com-
munion, 7:30 a. m.; Sunday School 9:45 a. m.;
sermon and holy communion, 11 a. m.; evening
prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m.

JOHNSON.

Visiting Friends—Blue Birds and Robins
—On the Sick List—What Happened to
the Lemonade—Two Opossum Tales.

Correspondence ARMS and MERCURY.

—William S. and W. Frank Lann are
spending several days visiting friends at
Patchogue, L. I. Before returning home
they intend paying a visit to relatives at
Waverly, N. Y.

—D. J. Purdy, the superintendent of
the New York Condensed Milk Company's
condensery at Delhi, was a visitor in
town on Thursday.

—Mrs. D. S. Decker is visiting friends in
Brooklyn.

—The blue bird, that harbinger of the
early springtime, has made its appear-
ance. Robins have also been seen.

—James Roberts is on the sick list. He
is attended by Dr. Purdy, of Middletown.

—The late ice storm did great damage
to the farmers in the town of Greenville,
by breaking down their fruit trees.

—A young married couple residing out
in the suburbs were to entertain some
friends, one evening not long ago, and it
occurred to them that some lemonade
and other refreshments would be very
appropriate. Accordingly the lemons
were secured, and in due season a pitcher
containing the lemon juice and a suffi-
cient quantity of sugar was in waiting,
and at the proper time the requisite
quantity of water was to be added. Now
it happened that during this interval of
waiting, and before the water was
added, the hired man and a friend
chanced to spy the pitcher, and think-
ing that it contained lemonade "left
over" they helped themselves very lib-
erally, more liberally than the circum-
stances would warrant. It is needless
to remark that the refreshments were
served to the guests later in the evening
minus the lemonade. Further particu-
lars we did not learn.

—Reading of opossums in the ARGUS of
Thursday, reminds us that these little
animals have at various times created
considerable excitement in this neigh-
borhood. Only last summer A. J. Harri-
son's family was aroused, one bright
moonlight night, by a great noise at one
of the back windows. Thoughts of
burglars ran through their minds, and
Will, who was possessed of a double-
barrelled shot gun, started to make an
investigation and beheld a modest 'pos-
sum perched on the grape arbor over the
window rapidly devouring the luscious
fruit. A charge of shot stopped his feast.

—It would not be exaggerating to say
that Superintendent Henry Whitford, of
the Milk Company, had the fight of his
life with a 'possum that he discovered in
his hen roost, four or five years ago.
After it was all over and quiet reigned
the 'possum gathered himself up and re-
treated in good order.

RIDGEBURY.

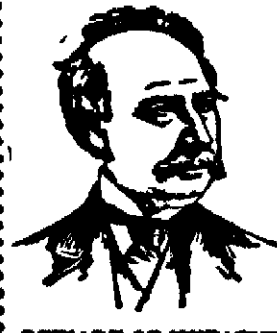
Church Sociable.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—Fair and colder, to-night; Sunday, fair, northwesterly winds becoming westerly.

THE TEMPERATURE.
The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 39°; 12 m., 42°; 3 p. m., 46°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.
—March 3, 4, 5—Kinetoscope exhibition, at Casino.
—March 9—Gorton's famous New Orleans Minstrels, at Casino, under management of George Lea.
—March 11—Junior League entertainment, at St. Paul's M. E. Church.
—March 11, 12—Andrews Opera Co., at Casino.
—March 17—Reception and ball of St. Patrick's Social Club, at Assembly Rooms.
—March 17—Masquerade ball, given by "Billy" Allison, at Casino Theatre.
—March 25—Van Ingen, Greek Art, Literary Club's lecture course.
—April 16—John Thomas Concert Co., at Casino.

Gold is coming this way in large quantities. Vessels now on the ocean are bringing \$6,300,000.

If there is even a shadow of truth in the report that the Spanish government has bought or secured options on warships built in British shipyards for Brazil and other South American countries, the administration has missed a great opportunity and been shamefully neglectful of the country's interests.

Assemblyman Schultz introduced, Friday, a bill repealing the fall town meeting act for the counties of Orange, Sullivan and Rockland. There is small chance of the bill passing, for party lines will probably be drawn upon it, and even if the bill gets out of the House, Senator Lexow, the author of the fall town meeting bill, may be depended on to hold it up in the Senate.

Democratic Senators and Representatives stand ready to cheerfully and heartily sustain the administration in any measures which it may deem necessary to prepare the country for the possibility of trouble with Spain. The men who are likely to block appropriations for national defense and the possibility of war are Speaker Reed, Representative Boutelle and Senator Hale. The latter, as chairman of the House and Senate Naval Committees, are of the opinion that nothing can come of the Maine disaster that makes necessary preparations for war, and make no secret of their purpose to oppose any emergency appropriations. As for Reed, he is the czar and responsible to no one but himself, and even the bill for two additional artillery regiments cannot get past him.

Secretary of State Palmer has completed his annual report on the statistics of crime for the year ending Oct. 31. The result is not encouraging to those who think the world is growing better, for the convictions in courts of record number 4,253, an increase of 775 over the preceding year. The convictions reported were as follows: Of offenses against the person 669, a decrease compared with 1896 of 96; offenses against property with violence 1,130 and without violence 2,096, both showing an increase and the total of such increases being 630; offenses not included in the above 718, an increase of 222. There were 218 females convicted in courts of record, an increase of 33. In courts of special sessions there were 66,402 convictions, an increase of 3,649. Of the persons thus convicted 60,080 were males and 6,322 females. The aggregate of the statistics for both courts of record and courts of special sessions shows 70,925 convictions.

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SPANISH CRUISER WELCOMED.
Spaniards and Cubans Warmly Greet the Warship on Its Arrival in Havana
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HAVANA, March 5.—The Spanish cruiser Almirante Oquendo arrived in Havana harbor at 8:45, this morning. She received a hearty welcome from the ferry-boats and tugs on board which were civil and the military authorities and different societies, which had been waiting for the warship's arrival. The docks were crowded with sightseers, rockets were sent up, and flags and other decorations were displayed. She returned the salute from Fort Cabanas and then saluted the fort and the admiral.

The United States lighthouse tender, Mangrove, is expected here at any time with the Court of Inquiry, but she is not yet reported. The smokestacks of the Maine have been removed and divers still hope to recover some more bodies, to-day.

THE COURT OF INQUIRY.
Divers' Testimony Cannot Be Taken for Some Time and Report Will Have to Be Delayed.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Admiral Sicard's telegram, last night, gives only one clue as to the plans of the Court of Inquiry, and this is in effect that it will be some time before the testimony of the divers can be taken and an idea formed as to the date of submitting their report. It is felt at the Navy Department that this will leave the question of the Maine disaster in doubt for some time longer, probably a week or ten days.

Activity in the various Navy and Military Bureaus continues without reference to the work of the Court of Inquiry.

COTTON OPERATIVES STRIKE
No Attempt to Be Made to Start the York Mills Monday.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SACO, ME., March 5.—All persons concerned in the strike of the cotton operatives of the York corporation seem to agree, to-day, that no attempt will be made to start the mills on Monday, and as yet there is no movement perceptible among the strikers to end the strike. Many seem neither to hope nor desire that the mills will start again. Quite a number of men are looking for farm or other work, with the idea of giving up the mills altogether.

A SEQUEL OF ZOLA'S TRIAL.
Col. Henry Wounded in a Duel in the Wrist by Col. Picquart.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PARIS, March 5.—Col. Picquart, who was disciplined for giving testimony favorable to Zola, fought a duel with swords, to-day, with Col. Henry. The latter was wounded in the wrist and arm. Col. Henry succeeded Picquart as chief of the military secret service.

AN ARMY OFFICER KILLED.
Was Cut in Two by a Train He Tried to Board.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BURLINGTON, March 5.—Lieut. Frank Falk, of the U. S. Army, commandant at Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, attempted to board a freight train here, to-day. He missed his footing and was cut completely in two.

RELIEF FOR CUBA.
Spain Sends Seventy-Five Tons of Supplies for the Destitute.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MADRID, March 5.—The steamer Nusces sailed, to-day, for Key West with seventy-five tons of relief supplies for the destitute in Cuba. At Key West the stores will be transferred to the United States ships Nashville and Montgomery.

MAY BE WAR IN AFRICA.

Royal Niger Co.'s Forces Ready to Help Drive the French Across the Niger.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

BRASS, Africa, March 5.—The Royal Niger Co.'s forces left Lokoja, yesterday, for Sokoto to assist in driving the French out of the territory of the Sultan should they refuse to recross the Niger River.

FOUR FISHING VESSELS WRECKED
Ten Fishermen Drowned and Six Others Missing.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

KOENIGSBURG, Pruss., March 5.—A dispatch from Memel announces that four fishing vessels were wrecked in yesterday's storm. Ten fishermen were drowned and six are missing.

MANY LIVES LOST IN A BURNING MINE
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BRESLAU, Prussia, March 5.—The Saur and Seano mine is on fire. Twenty dead bodies have been taken out and more are below.

SPAIN'S DEBT INCREASED.
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—Tobacco bulbs at Geo. A. Swaim & Son's.
—Reliable jewelry at P. D. Keros & Co's.
—Fine properties to let by E. K. Conkita.
—Collection of ducks, Homestead B. and L.
—To the lot owners of Hillside Cemetery.
—Nine-room house to let.
—Address Opera Co. at Casino, March 11, 12.
—When ailing, take Myron's Remedies.
—Backache cured by Benson's Caprine Plaster.
—Colic cured by Hale's Horsebalm, Honey and Tar.
—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Dean's Dyspepsia Pills.
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favorite Kidney Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

—The big minstrel show of the season is Gorton's New Orleans minstrels.

—Have you secured your seat for Gorton's Minstrels on Wednesday?

—J. H. Wallick will present his new play, "A Guilty Mother," at the Casino, Saturday, March 19th, afternoon and evening.

—A roof is at last being put on the reformatory building, at Napanook, on which the storms have so long beaten unobstructed.

—The name of one of the most efficient workers at the gentlemen's supper, on Thursday evening, was omitted from the list, that of Robert H. Tennant.

—R. V. Henry Stringer, of Mt. Vernon, was in this city, Friday, collecting subscriptions for the Mt. Vernon Orphan's Home from among the Germans here.

—A horse driven by James E. Matthews, of the carpet bag factory, slipped and fell at Orchard and North streets, this morning, and was so tangled up that it required the efforts of several men to release it.

—As will be seen by notice elsewhere, a meeting of lot owners in Hillside Cemetery will be held at John L. Wiggins' office, Thursday evening, March 10th, to decide on plans for the care and management of the cemetery.

—Matt Winters, arrested in Port Jervis for drunkenness, Thursday afternoon, was sentenced to thirty days in the Goshen jail. While waiting for a train he was returned to the lockup, where he pried open the door with a stove poker and left for parts unknown.

PERSONAL.

—Gabriel Tutbill was able to walk out, to-day.

—Samuel Foster's death is hourly expected.

—Mrs. George A. Wallace went to New York city, to-day, for a few days' visit.

—Henry W. Siglar, principal of Siglar's preparatory school, Newburgh, was in town, to-day.

—Mrs. J. C. May, of Middletown, visited her sister, Mrs. George W. Brady, on Wednesday.—Ellenville Press.

—The Liberty Falls correspondent of the Record says Miss Bertha Kirby, of Middletown, has returned to her home, after visiting her cousin, Miss Cooley.

—Mrs. R. Lozier, of Sparrowbush, went to Middletown, Friday, to visit her son, George, who is one of the best known attendants at the State Hospital in that city.—Port Jervis Union.

—Mrs. J. Hargrave and her children, who have been spending the past two months with her father, W. J. Groo, and her sister, Mrs. J. L. Wiggins, left, to-day, for South Boston, Va., where Mrs. Hargrave's husband is to have charge of an Episcopal parish.

—Rev. Ezra T. Sanford, of the Port Jervis Baptist Church, left that village, Friday, for New York, from which point he sailed, to-day, on the steamer Soole for Alexandria. He goes with one of the Clark's tourist parties and their trip will include a visit to Palestine, Athens, Rome, a tour across Switzerland and France and so back to London.

Pensions for Police in Cities of the Third Class.

A bill has been introduced in the Assembly authorizing cities of the third class to pension policemen who have served continuously for twenty years.

The bill applies to Middletown but the way in which we shake up our own police makes it certain that few officers will ever be eligible to places on the pension roll.

Has Appealed the Case.

Garret C. Hoffman has appealed from the judgment of \$31 secured against him by James Moran for services. The case was tried before Justice Payne.

A Great Surprise

Is in store for all who use Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Would you believe that it is sold on its merits and any druggist is authorized by the proprietors of this wonderful remedy to give you a sample bottle free? It never fails to cure acute or chronic coughs. All druggists sell Kemp's Balsam. Price 25 and 50c.

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The "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism removes at once the rheumatic poison from the system and the disease immediately disappears. Whilst the "Mystic Life Renewer" builds up the shattered nervous system, improves the digestion and restores the general health. It is the greatest cure for all nervous diseases and weakness as well as the most powerful nerve builder known.

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THE OPERA ASSURED.

Martha, Cavalleria Rusticana, Bohemian Girl and Pirates of Penzance to be Produced.

So successful have been the efforts of the committee in charge of the subscription lists for the advancement of the musical entertainment in this city that the musical entertainment is now assured.

Harry Downer, of the Andrews Opera Company, concluded his visit to the city, last evening, and has arranged for the company's appearance on the evenings of March 11th and 12th, and for a matinee on Saturday. Over 125 commutation books of four coupons each have been subscribed for. A number of these books have been left at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's, where they may be obtained until Wednesday, by subscription only. On Monday and Tuesday next, commencing at 9 a. m., the selection of seats will be commenced by subscribers only. On Wednesday morning, the sale will be opened for those desiring single seats at regular prices.

Much of the credit for the success of the venture is due to John W. Marvin, who has been untiring in his efforts to secure for this city a season of opera.

The following names have been added to the subscription list:

George Buchanan, O. H. Brown, R. D. Stratton, L. M. Walthall, Charles Higham, Aaron Samuels, D. D. Houston, Earl P. Haynes, C. E. Schwartz, C. L. Hulse, J. B. Williams, E. G. Crist, C. Spencer Kinney, Mrs. J. E. Iseman, F. O. Grover, W. S. Benedict, W. N. Sharpe, William Seeholzer, C. C. Bogart, C. T. Hayes, Mrs. J. H. Drake, T. K. DeWitt, M. G. Tibbette.

THE LAST SAD RITES.

Funeral of Mrs. Dennis Neville, This Morn'g.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Dennis Neville were held at 10:30 o'clock, to-day, at St. Joseph's Church, with solemn requiem high mass. Rev. Father O'Hanlon was celebrant, Rev. Father Prendergast, deacon, and Rev. Father McClancy, sub-deacon.

The bearers were T. Frank Cullinan, Michael Doran, Daniel B. Sweezy, John Lawder, John Schlitt and James Claffy. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

There was a large number of floral offerings, including a large garland from the employees of the Union Hat Company, where Mrs. Neville was employed up to the time of her illness, commencing about a year ago.

KILLED AT PASSAIC.

Tried to Board a Moving Train With Arms Full of Bundles.

As Erie No. 29, due here at 9:13, was pulling out of Passaic, Friday night, at a rapid rate of speed, David Thompson, of Paterson, carrying several bundles, ran out of the station and endeavored to board the train. He missed the steps and his clothes caught in the truck some way, throwing him against the box of the wheel, breaking his back. He died, this morning.

Gorton's Appearance in Middletown.

Next Wednesday, Gorton's New Orleans Minstrels will be here. Mr. Gorton's present organization includes thirty-five performers, the very best in their respective lines, and the programme is so arranged that nothing but new, refined and elegant minstrelsy will be seen. Note the specially reduced prices, fifty, thirty-five and twenty cents, never before offered for such a large and expensive attraction.

One of the Prize Babies.

At a baby picture show conducted by a firm of enterprising photographers, at Mount Vernon, N. Y., the second prize was awarded to Ruth A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Crowell, of that city. Mrs. Crowell's maiden name was Maud Blanchard, and she is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Blanchard, of near this city.

Surprise Party to Mr. and Mrs. Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Baird were given a surprise party, Friday night, by about seventy-five friends, at their home, No. 157 West Main street. Dancing and other parlor amusements were indulged in. Music was furnished by Mr. Wilson, of Goshen, and Masters Baird and John Bright, of this city.

Wants a Place in the Front Rank.

Albert Cushman, a young Englishman employed by James Ralston, on the Lower Road, is anxious for a scrap with Spain. In the event of war he wants a place in the front rank in order to show the Spaniards how an Englishman can fight.

A Generous Response.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. desire to thank all those who so generously responded to their appeal, whereby they were enabled to furnish needed clothing to the children of the late John Picot. The whole amount raised was \$47.

Way Establish a Chamolix Factory Here

Henry Boutron, of Philadelphia, is in this city, looking it over with a view to establishing a chamolix factory here. A number of French gentlemen are interested in the scheme.

Will Qualify at the N. Y. Meeting of the Council.

City Clerk I. B. A. Taylor will qualify at the next meeting of the Common Council, Wednesday night, when his bonds will be passed upon.

Hives are a terrible torment to the little folks, and to some older ones. Easily cured. Dean's Ointment never fails. Instant relief, permanent cure. At any drug store, 50 cents.

V. M. TERRY'S BARN BURNED.

Seven Cows and Four Yearlings Perished in the Fire Which Destroyed Barn and Contents, This Morning.

Fire broke out in Victor M. Terry's barn, near Fair Oaks, this morning, about 7:30. The family had just finished milking and were preparing breakfast in the house, when smoke was discovered issuing from a barn door. Mr. Terry and his assistants hurried out and endeavored to release the cows, but on reaching the barn found that the stock was already surrounded by fire and could not be released. Seven cows and four yearlings perished in the flames. Twelve tons of hay and 1,200 sheaves of untwined rye, vases, farming utensils and many other articles were burned.

It is supposed that the blaze started from a spark from the kitchen chimney. E. E. Conkling held insurance in the Continental, amounting to \$1,200.

SENT BACK TO JERSEY CITY.

How Port Jervis Got Rid of Six Boy Tramps.

The mothers of two of the Jersey City boys who reached Port Jervis, Wednesday night, in a box car, sent tickets to have their sons returned, and they were sent home, Friday morning. The parents of the other four were too poor to pay their fares, and the Jersey City police advised the Port Jervis police that the boys were so tough that no one in Jersey City, not even their parents, cared whether they got back or not. The village President and Deerpark's Supervisor had a consultation as to what should be done with the boys. They were not wanted in Port Jervis (it has enough young toughs of its own), and as the easiest way out of the trouble the chief of police was instructed to buy tickets and ship them back to Jersey City. This was done Friday afternoon.

Real Estate Notes.

—Frank G. Kain has exchanged the fine new modern house, which he occupies on the east side of Rye avenue, this city, with Samuel Greenhalgh, of Blomington, for his handsome country place of eleven acres situated on the North Plank road, just outside the city limits, and known as the Finch place. Mr. Kain will remove to his new purchase, April 1st. The exchange was made through the real estate agency of A. V. Boak.

—C. M. Winchester has sold his interest in Columbia Park and Watkins avenue lots, in Middletown, and Northside Park in the town of Wallkill to Leander Brink.

Water Board May Name a Superintendent.

There will be a meeting of the Water Board, to-night, at which it is quite likely that a Superintendent will be appointed. The leading candidates are the acting superintendent, T. Wesley Davey, Patrick Scully, an employee of the department and Edwin E. Thorpe.

In Justice's Court.

Patrick Dougherty, of this city, and James Crezan, of Port Jervis, joined issue, to-day, before Justice Wiggins, in the matter of a grocery bill which the former claims the latter owes. M. J. Donovan appeared for the plaintiff, and W. H. Crane for defendant.

Ontario and Western Earnings.

The Ontario and Western reports for the fourth week in February earnings of \$72,964 an increase of \$2,712 over the corresponding week, last year. The earnings for the month of February are \$252,355, an increase of \$4,708 over February 1897.

To Improve the Basha's Mill.

Assemblyman McLaughlin has introduced a bill appropriating \$5,000 for the removal of the bar at the junction of the Basha's and Pine Kill at Wabrookville. The removal of the bar would put an end to the flooding of the big swamp between Westbrookville and Haven.

Students Will Visit the State Hospital April 9th.

April 10th is the anniversary of Hahnemann's birth, but this year Dr. Talbot will entertain the graduating class of the New York Homeopathic Medical College, on April 9th.

Blown from His Engine.

Frank Truesdale, an Erie engineer, was blown from the cab of his engine when near Corning, Wednesday, by the explosion of gas in the fire box. He landed on the ground by the side of the track and was severely hurt.

Advanced to a Third Reading.

The bill amending the charter of this city so as to permit the use of the excise fund for the payment of the high school certificates of indebtedness has been advanced to a third reading in the Assembly.

Brewer Kuhlman Looks Over Our Brewery.

Brewer Fred Kuhlman, of Ellenville, and A. R. Billings, his Middletown agent, inspected the new brewery in this city, to-day.

Fifty Years Ago.

The Independent Republican in its "brief retrospect" says that fifty years ago, this week, "the citizens of South Middletown took steps for incorporating that village."

A Card Party.

Miss Mattie Miller, of East avenue, entertained a few friends at cards, Friday evening, in honor of her cousin, Miss Edith Green, of Florida, N. Y.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Library Hours—A Needed Improvement.

—A sick teacher—Will compete in the Sun Bowl at Tournament—Vital statistics for February—St. Patrick's Day Dance—Willow Crest Lodge's New Officers.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—The Goshen library will hereafter be open from 2 to 6:30 p. m., each week day except Mondays, when it will be open from 2 to 9 p. m.

—Mrs. Wilkin Coleman and children have returned from a visit at the home of Hon. R. C. Coleman in Newburgh.

—A large lamp has been erected behind the Erie depot. It is a much needed improvement.

—Mrs. A. T. Decker, of Middletown, has been teaching at the High school in the place of Miss Munson, who has been confined to her home by illness during the past week.

—Mark A. Howell will compete in the Sun bowling tournament which opens in New York city on March 14. But fifteen bowlers are allowed to start in this tournament which is probably the most important annual bowling event in Greater New York.

—Ten births, four deaths and two marriages were recorded in the town of Goshen during February.

—The Hibernians will celebrate St. Patrick's Day by a dance in St. John's Hall in the evening.

—Willow Crest Lodge, R. M. Degree, I. O. O. F., Thursday night, elected these officers: N. G. John A. Kechum; V. G. Miss Anne Hulse; Recording Secretary, W. R. Terhune; Financial Secretary, Frank Hill; Treasurer, Mrs. Warren L. Hyatt.

SCHOOL BOYS FIGHT.

Were at It for a Long Time and No One Interfered—A Police man Summoned.

Two school boys, one from the High School and the other from the truant school, became involved in a quarrel at East and Houston avenues, Friday afternoon, and soon "went together" like a pair of game chickens. They punched or scratched noses and were not long in drawing blood and a crowd.

A house owner in the immediate vicinity, becoming half frantic at seeing that the crowd standing about preferred to allow the fight go on, finally telephoned to police headquarters.

Officer Faulkner arrived in time to see the crowd, but only for an instant for some one called out, "chase it, the cop," and then the boys disappeared and the older brutes who had been looking on walked away with an apparent consciousness that "we didn't have anything to do with it."

An Oyster Eating Contest.

Two Monticello men, with hearty appetites and a great fondness for oysters, engaged in an oyster-eating contest in Richardson's saloon, Tuesday evening. John Silva, who won the match by a large margin, got away with two quarts and half a pint, while his opponent, Ed. Allen, had to cry enough when he had eaten a quart and three-fourths. The men were apparently no worse for their gourmandizing.

If You Wish to Be Well.

You must fortify your system against the attacks of disease. Your blood must be kept pure, your stomach and digestive organs in order, your appetite good. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to build you up, purify and enrich your blood and give you strength. It creates an appetite and gives digestive power.

HOOD'S PILLS are the favorite family cathartic, easy to take, easy to operate.

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You need a doctor many times when you don't call one. You suffer pain in fifty forms and yet won't call the doctor because you hope that the pain "will go away after a while." And, too, you know by experience, that that first visit of the doctor is generally followed by many others, with the inevitable consequence of a big bill "for professional services." You don't know what to do for yourself or what to take. But suppose that you could get free, absolutely free, the advice of one of the most

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Atlantic A Muslin at 5c a yard.

One lot Black Crossbar Muslin at 5c a yard.

One lot White Crossbar Muslin at 5c a yard.

One lot of Silk Fringe at 10c a yard.

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POINTS BY DEFENSE.

How the Judge Is Asked to Charge Martin Jury.

NO PROOF SHOWS OF DEPUTIES' GUILT

Counsel For Accused Also Argue That the Evidence Does Not Convict Any Particular Man of Killing Mike Ceslask, as Indictment Charged.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 5.—The evidence in the Lattimer case is now all in. The concluding testimony was that of certain witnesses called by the commonwealth in rebuttal. T. P. Ryder, L. H. Strauss and C. K. Keck, who met the sheriff a few minutes after he reached this city from the scene of the shooting, said they saw no mark, discoloration or bruises on the sheriff's face.

Joseph Costello was then recalled by the commonwealth for the purpose of showing additional facts in regard to threats of violence made by Deputy A. E. Hess against Costello, who was helping a wounded striker. Counsel for the defense objected to this evidence, but the objection was overruled by Judge Woodward.

The commonwealth closed its case after hearing a few more witnesses in rebuttal on unimportant points, for most of the testimony they hoped to thus get before the jury was ruled out by the court. Judge Woodward, before adjournment, said that owing to the number of ladies attending the trial he had ordered the first two rows of seats and the extra jury boxes reserved for them.

The defense submitted, among others, the following points for the consideration of the court in charging the jury: "There is no evidence in this case which would warrant a finding that the defendants were an unlawful assembly. The question of whether it was necessary to resort to the extreme means of firing on the strikers in order to disperse them was a question of judgment, which cannot be questioned, even though it shall appear that the firing was not necessary if the judgment was honestly formed and executed."

"If the jury find that the prisoners had reason to believe that the strikers were about to assault them and that they were in danger of loss of life or of grievous bodily harm, or of being overpowered, then they had the right to defend themselves by the use of force sufficient to repel the assault."

"If any deputy willfully, knowingly and maliciously continued firing after the necessity for firing had ceased, and did by such firing kill Mike Ceslask, he may be found guilty under the indictment, but to convict any one the jury must be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that some person did so fire and be able to identify the person; that he did it willfully and maliciously, intending to kill; that Mike Ceslask was killed by such person."

"As the testimony does not disclose the identity of any person who fired in the manner described, a conviction of any of the prisoners would not be warranted. Before any one of the prisoners can be convicted the jury must be satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that some one of them had special malice toward the deceased or general malice toward the whole body of strikers and intended unlawfully to kill some one of them without caring which one; that such maliciously disposed person did in fact fire and kill Mike Ceslask."

"There was no conspiracy to do an unlawful act or to do a lawful act in an unlawful way. Therefore the act of one cannot be imputed to the others. Each one is to be held accountable only for what he himself did. The evidence failing to identify the person who shot Mike Ceslask, there can be no conviction under the indictment."

Judge Woodward took the points and will pass upon them later.

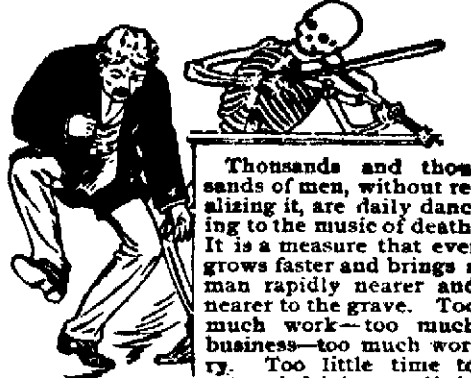
Russia Backs Up Its Candidate.
LONDON, March 5.—The Constantinople correspondent of The Standard says: "Admiral Skrydloff, who is on his way to Crete to take command of the Russian Squadron, was not received by the sultan while here. It was reported at the palace that he is under instructions from the czar to embark Prince George of Greece and to land him in Crete. Djavad Pasha, the Turkish military commander in Crete, has been ordered to oppose such an attempt with every means in his power."

Charged With Falsification.
NEW YORK, March 5.—Dr. Frank Agnew, one of the three men rescued from the steamer Tillam, that foundered off Montauk point in January, was arrested yesterday on the charge of falsification and held in \$2,500 bail. His case with several others of a like nature will come up in the March term of the criminal court, which begins next week.

Ferocious Boy Starts For Washington.
CONSTANTINOPLE, March 5.—All Ferouk Bey, the newly appointed Turkish minister to the United States has started for his post at Washington. An Ferouk Bey was appointed early in October last to succeed Mustapha Bey. He studied in Paris for two years and was for two years secretary of the Turkish legation in London.

Indian Head Destroyed.
NEW YORK, March 5.—Indian Head, one of the finest points on the Hudson river piers, opposite the northern end of Manhattan island, was yesterday reduced to a mass of material for paving stones by 1,000 pounds of dynamite.

Japan Wants to Know.
LONDON, March 5.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Tientsin, China, says: "Japan has addressed a note to Russia demanding an immediate and explicit statement on the question of the continued occupation of Port Arthur."



Thousands and thousands of men, without realizing it, are daily dancing to the music of death. It is a measure that ever grows faster and brings a man rapidly nearer and nearer to the grave. Too much work—too much business—too much worry. Too little time to eat and drink—too little time to rest and rest—too little thought and care for health. These are the keys of the dance of death. The man who dances to the music of death is in the grasp of general ill-health, and will speedily be in the relentless clutch of some fatal malady. It may be nervous exhaustion or prostration; some wasting disease, deadly consumption, or almost any ailment in the category of human ills. There is a sure, speedy and permanent remedy at hand. Ninety-eight per cent. of all cases of consumption, chronic, or lingering coughs and kindred ailments are cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It acts through the blood directly on the lungs, driving out all disease germs and building up new and healthy tissue. It builds the system and makes rich, pure blood. It tones the nerves and brightens the brain. It invigorates the liver and makes the kidneys active. Druggists have nothing else "just as good."

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Measure to Increase Artillery Force Likely to Pass.

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The Senate Passes the Bill Extending the Homestead Laws to Alaska—Pension and Consular Bills Sent to the President by the House.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Mr. Hull of the house committee on naval affairs expects the Hawley bill for the increase of the artillery forces will command a large majority in the house. The Democratic opposition to the measure, which at one time promised to reach formidable proportions, is rapidly disappearing.

Mr. McClellan of New York has been energetically at work among his Democratic colleagues and has made such headway that some of those who desired to create, if possible, a party opposition to the measure have abandoned their intention. This is largely due to the fact that Mr. Bailey, the Democratic leader, who was believed to be hostile to the bill at one time, has withdrawn active opposition to it.

He is bitterly opposed to an increase of the standing army in time of peace, but he believes that with the threat of war hanging over the country it is the duty of congress to make every provision necessary to vindicate the honor and uphold the dignity of the country. He probably will make a speech setting forth his position, and will then vote for the bill.

Homestead Law Extended.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—After a debate lasting several days the senate has passed the bill extending the homestead laws and providing for right of way for railroads in the district of Alaska. Comparatively little discussion of general interest was created by the bill.

Section 13, providing for certain bonding concessions to Canada in lieu of privileges to be extended by the Dominion government to this country, however, induced a pretty lively debate, as it brought into the controversy the old fisheries question on the New England coast which has been pending between the United States and Great Britain for a hundred years.

The statement was made on the floor of the senate that there was every reason to believe that by the passage of the bill the fisheries question could be settled without great effort, as assurances to that effect had been received from a large and influential element in Canada.

Proceedings of House.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Two more appropriation bills were sent to the president yesterday—the pension and the consular and diplomatic bill, both of which went through their final stage in the house. It was private bill day. The most important action taken was acquiescence in an agreement to make the bill appropriating about \$1,200,000 for war claims approved by the court of claims under the provisions of the Bowman act a special order for next Friday. The claims carried by the bill, 730 in number, are for stores and supplies seized during the war in the southern states.

Only two bills were passed—one to pay the heirs of Sterling T. Austin about \$50,000 for cotton seized during the war and the other to pay an aggregate of \$3,350 in small claims growing out of back pay, etc., earned during the war. The house adjourned over until Monday.

Bodies of the Nichols Family Found.

KEY WEST, March 5.—The steamer that went to the wreck of the schooner Speedwell, on which nine lives were lost, returned yesterday afternoon with the bodies of Mr. Bradley Nichols, his wife, the daughter-in-law, the two grandchildren, of Bridgeport, Conn., and the three children of Captain Collier, who commanded the schooner. The body of Warren B. Nichols had floated away and was lost. The coroner has charge of all the bodies.

The Cotton Mill Strike.

FALL RIVER, Mass., March 5.—The situation at the King Philip mills, where the frame-spinners have been holding out against the reduction, assumed a new phase yesterday, and it is now probable that all trouble will be settled by Monday. The frame spinners have decided that they cannot longer remain out to their advantage. The threatened trouble with the carders will not develop, the discharged employee, Leon Cete, having been taken back by the mill authorities.

World Regain Shipbuilding Supremacy.

Cleveland, March 5.—In this week's issue of the Iron Trade Review appears a letter from Andrew Carnegie, from Cannes, France, advocating the building of a first class shipyard upon the Hudson river, the East river or the lower bay, near New York. He says such a yard would yield good profits and enable the United States to regain the supremacy in shipbuilding it had when wooden ships were in vogue.

Richest Man in Minneapolis Dead.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 5.—Henry Titus Welles, the richest resident of Minneapolis, died last evening, aged 77 years. He was a native of Connecticut and came to this city in 1853. His wealth was estimated at \$10,000,000. A widow and three children survive him.

Dave Sullivan Beats Broderick.

YONKERS, N. Y., March 5.—Dave Sullivan, the pugilist from Cork, Ireland, who now hails from Boston, met and defeated in nine rounds Patsy Broderick of Providence last night at the Waverly Athletic club at Yonkers. Police stopped the fight.

Want to Revolt Against Spain.

LONDON, March 5.—A dispatch to The Daily Mail from Hongkong says the rebel chiefs there have received a letter from Manila soliciting their support for another rebellion against Spanish rule.

Fatal Accident at Niagara Falls.

NIAGARA FALLS, March 5.—Peter E. Frenk, aged about 31 years, married, fell from the new steel arch bridge on the Canadian side, a distance of 100 feet, and was killed.

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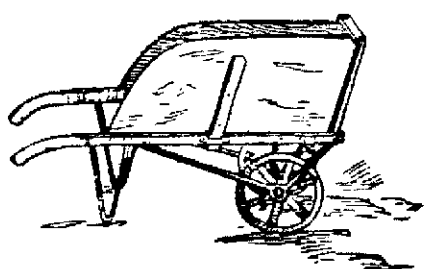
The Best Paying Varieties and Methods of Cultivation.

The most popular varieties of onions for market are the following: White—Southport White Globe; red, large red Wethersfield, and yellow, Yellow Globe Danvers, says Country Gentleman. There are others, but the above are considered the best and most profitable. Yellow onions being greatest in demand, the Globe Danvers variety, owing to its uniform shape, bright color and excellent quality, is universally accepted as the standard; it will keep better than any other kind, and even if accidentally frozen in storage, if more covering is added and it is left alone until thoroughly thawed, it will come out little the worse for its experience. The writer has grown no other variety for market for 15 years. Much of the success of the crop depends upon the quality and freshness of the seed sown; it is better to pay a dollar a pound more for a selected strain of a reliable seed house than to be fooled by cheap seed; northern-grown seed is preferable to California. In the yield of onions per acre there is a very wide range, from 200 to 1,000 bushels; and these numbers are not quite the extremes either, for occasionally a crop of 1,200 bushels is heard of, and it is by no means uncommon to see crops of less than 200 bushels; but a man who can average 500 to 600 may consider himself a successful onion grower, while 400 to 500 is a very fair crop. The width of the rows, the quality and quantity (varying from four to six pounds per acre) of seed sown, the adaptability of the soil, and the extent to which it is fertilized, the attention given to cleanliness and cultivation—these are the factors governing the size of the crop.

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Anise, caraway, fanny, wormwood and a number of other herbs ought to be grown in the garden.

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The Japanese nest egg, which is about the size, color and shape of the hen's egg, ought to be grown for nest eggs.

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Inspection of Fruit Trees.

The law passed by the Michigan legislature at the request of the State Horticultural society, or of a committee from them at the request of the leading fruit growers, seems to be giving very general satisfaction. All nursery-grown stock in the state must be inspected, and the grower licensed before he can offer it for sale. The presence of injurious insect pests, like the San Jose scale, or a fungous or supposedly contagious disease like the peach yellow, is a sufficient reason for refusing a license until it has been eradicated. Even insects like the peach aphid must be destroyed before trees are sent out. Michigan is thus establishing a reputation as a good state to buy peach and other fruit trees from, as it long has been for the fruit itself.

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ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

Of course all of the members of the cast and chorus of Priscilla as presented here will interview the dozen or more Middletowners mentioned in another column, on the one important question: "Was Port Jervis' presentation better than ours in your judgment?"

Inasmuch as most of those who took in the show at the only partially filled opera house in Port Jervis, Friday night, were in the company here their opinions will naturally be based upon the company seen at Port Jervis and the company as they saw themselves here.

To begin with the fact was plainly evident that more seats might have been sold. Next as the cutting critic, Allan Dale, might say, the piccolo player tried to sing all the soprano notes and he was a shade off in the quality of his note every time he pursued Mrs. St. John up the scale and the effect was always damaging to Mrs. St. John.

That is where all the objectionable features of the presentation terminated. The favorable features so far overbalanced the others that to mention them all would take more space than "Tip" is allowed to-day. The illness of Miss Van Wormer prevented her from participating, Friday, after her bit of Thursday evening, a fact regretted by her Middletown friends, but this disappointment was removed before Mrs. St. John had barely launched into the part. She made a decided hit, and her spinning wheel song brought down the house.

Miss Della Farnum, a pretty girl who sang Barbara's part with splendid effect, was another success, but Port Jervis affection seemed centered in Miss Kate Munday, sister of W. H. Munday, of this city, who played Resignation with the same marked ability which was displayed by Miss Bertha Morgans here.

Hatebad Higgins was taken by J. Ed. Bennet, local editor of the *Gazette*, and with recollections of "Nick" it seems that newspaper men are best fitted for this extremely humorous part. Bennet flopped at full length on the stage when the ladies' chorus "cut off that monkey's tail" and murmured "never touched me" just as effectively as "Nick" did, and when he came to his topical song he was forced to respond with a half dozen extra verses. The text of these was the new trolley, of which he sang, "The trolley is here at last; if you look out of the window you'll see them go past," and the applause shook the building. He also sang a verse about a "ping-ponging jewel" whose name is Macomber," causing the bald spot on the back of that pianist's head to turn a becoming red.

John Alden's high tenor notes, Alden was George Hornbeck in this instance, were as strong and clear as a bell and he deserved all the applause he got. John Francis Cross also made a bit as Miles Standish. His duet with Mrs. St. John was a delicious taste of perfect harmony.

The chorus was well-drilled, being especially good in the "Madly He Loves Her" chorus with Standish. It can be truly said that Port Jervis' male chorus distanced that which Mr. Macomber had here. The ladies' chorus was very strong and in perfect harmony. They plainly showed the effects of Mrs. St. John's persistent and painstaking training. In fact her judgment in the selection of the cast seems to have been above criticism.

Between the acts Mr. Macomber announced that he desired the audience to rise and join in singing "America." Then the curtain was raised and the chorus grouped at the foot lights and while Standish waved one flag another and larger one hung suspended over the audience, and each member of the chorus waved a little one as "My Country 'Tis of Thee" swelled forth, joined in by every one present, and all standing.

During the second act Mr. Macomber "ping-panged" with one hand while he waved adieu and tossed tokens of affectionate regard through the air to a party leaving the theatre, with the other. The audience's eyes followed the "tokens," and for a few moments interest in the people on the stage was lost.

Suffering From an Injury Received in November.

Alex. Merritt, of Knapp & Merritt, broke a ligament in the back of the wrist while lifting a box November 26. The accident pained him steadily, but he thought nothing serious had happened until recently, when the wrist became so weak that he was obliged to have it put in a plaster of Paris. He now feels signs of improvement in the injured member.

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SERVICE OF SONG.

Programme to be Rendered at Christ Church, Sunday Evening.

The following music will be rendered at the Christ Church service of song, tomorrow evening, at Assembly Rooms: Bass Solo and Chorus—"My Shepherd is the Lord" (v. 1); Treble Solo and Chorus—"Sweet is Thy Mercy" (v. 1); Anthem—"God is Love" (v. 1); Soprano—"I With All Your Hearts" (v. 1); Hymn—"How Gentle God's Command" (v. 1); Hymn—"Hallelujah" (v. 1); Hymn—"Lead Kindly Light" (v. 1); Hymn—"All Hail The Power of Jesus Name" (v. 1).

Has Secured a Position in New York.

Miss Edyth J. Sanford, of Stevensville, Sullivan county, who has been taking a course in stenography at the Middletown School of Commerce, 47 Washington street, passed a creditable examination in less than five months and has accepted a position in New York with a plumbing firm at a salary of \$12 per week.

If It's a Cold.

Take "Seventy-seven."

La Grippe is a Cold.

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Influenza is a Cold.

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Sore Throat is a Cold.

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Bronchitis is a Cold.

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A Cough is a Cold.

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Laryngitis is a Cold.

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Pleurisy is a Cold.

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At druggists or sent prepaid on receipt of price, 25c, 50c or \$1.00. Ask for Dr. Humphreys' Specific Manual of all Diseases at your druggist's or mailed free, Humphreys' Medicine Co., New York.

Next Minute May Mean Death.

If the heart flutters palpitates or tires easily, you may be next door to death and not know it. Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gives instant relief and cures. "The pains about my heart were so severe I could hardly breathe. I thought I must die. One dose of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave me perfect relief inside of 20 minutes, a few bottles cured. I firmly believe it saved my life."—Mr. John Jamieson, Tara Out Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

Dover, N. H., Oct. 30, 1896.

Messrs. ELY BROS.:—The Balm reached me safely and in so short a time the effect is surprising. My son says the first application gave decided relief. I have a shelf filled with "Catarrh Cures." To-morrow the stove shall receive them and Ely's Cream Balm will reign supreme. Respectfully, Mrs. FRANKLIN FREEMAN (Cream Balm is kept by all druggists. Full size 50c. Trial size 10 cents. We mail it).

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"I owe my whole life to Burdock Blood Bitters. Scrofulous sores covered my body. I seemed beyond cure. R. B. B. has made me a perfectly well woman. Mrs. Chas. Hutton, Berville, Mich.

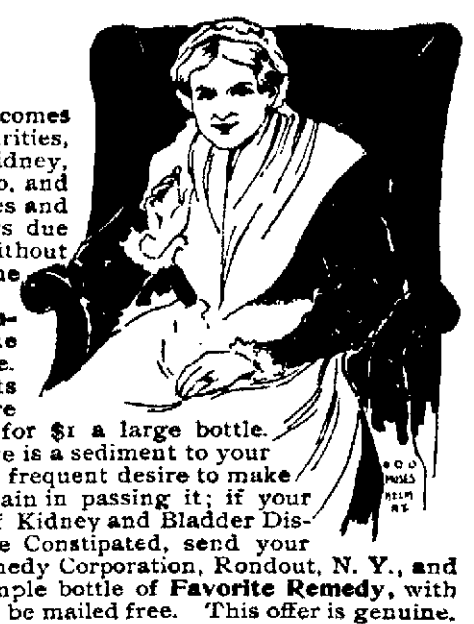
To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. (C. C. C. fails to cure, druggists refund money)

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

New York, March 4, '98.

Yesterday	To-day	Close	Close
Surat	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2
Tobacco	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Chicago Gas	92	91 1/2	91 1/2
Nat. Lead	32 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
General Electric	26	26 1/2	26 1/2
U. S. L. pref.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Tenn. Coal and Iron	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
A. T. & S. F.	93	92 1/2	92 1/2
C. B. & Q.	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
R. I. & W.	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
C. of N. J.	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2
D. and H.	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2
O. & W.	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2
Susquehanna & Western	32	32	32
Susquehanna & West, pref.	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
P. & B.	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2
N. W.	114	113 1/2	113 1/2
N. Y. C.	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
M. P.	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Texas	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
U. P.	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
W. Union	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
L. & N.	54	53 1/2	53 1/2
Manhattan	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
P. M.	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Wahash, pref.	16	16	16
No. Pacific, pref.	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Metropolitan Traction	146	146	146
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Southern, pref.	16	16	16
May Wheat	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
May Corn	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
May Oats	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
May Pork	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
May Lard	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2



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TO RENT—Nine-room house, modern imp. oven, Baltimore heater and range, with or without barn. 8808 FRANK CRAWFORD, or 14 Broad St.

PROF. WM. H. SAGE, DORF, Clairvoyant, will remain permanently located at W. M. S. ROE'S, 31 James street, Middletown, N. Y.

HOME-STEAD Building and Loan Association. Regular meetings for collection of dues, Monday and Tuesday evenings.

H. J. LEONARD, Secretary.

TO LET—House on Royce avenue, 10 rooms and barn, suitable for two families, city water. Enquire of T. A. MARCH, 74 East ave. use.

FUR RENT from April 1st—The store, No. 44 James street, Iseman Building, now occupied as a barber shop. J. E. ISEMAN.

UNTIL the end of March, '98, I shall do shoe repairing at the following prices: Men's soles 40c up, ladies' 25c up, children's 20c up. I make a specialty of rubber soles. CRAIG, the Shoemaker, 39 W. Main street.

LOWER part of house, 68 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent. Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, corner East 7th and Fulton St.

FRESHMAN Cooking Range, size 8. Doohash range, size 7, both in first-class condition; oak extension table 3 feet, all cheap at the EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 45 East Main street.

TO RENT—House of six rooms, barn and hen house, large garden, \$15 per month, on a hill, 5536 N. W. WOOD, 116 De laune street.

THE Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Middletown Ice Company will be held at the office of the company, Saturday, Mar. 12, at 7 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

83d St. JOHN D. WOOD, Secretary.

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